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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Andreas DIECKMANN et al.

Appl. No.: **NEW NON-PROVISIONAL** Group:

Filed: July 16, 2003 Examiner:

For: ANTISENSE COMPOUNDS, METHODS AND
COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING MMP-12 RELATED
INFLAMMATORY DISORDERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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July 16, 2003

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the rewritten Abstract of the Disclosure on a separate sheet attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows: